

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-3, 5, 6, and 11-13 are pending in the application, with claim 1 being the independent claim. Claims 1-3, 5, and 6 were previously amended. Claims 11-13 were previously added. Claims 12 and 13 are amended to correct a minor error. Claims 4 and 7-10 were previously cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Amendments to the Specification

The specification is amended to conform the text thereof to the corresponding PCT application WO Application No. PCT/JP2004/015269. A certified English translation of the PCT application is attached hereto.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Applicant incorporates herein by reference the arguments in support of the patentability of claims 1-3, 5, 6, and 11-13 as set forth in the Amendment and Reply filed October 7, 2009.

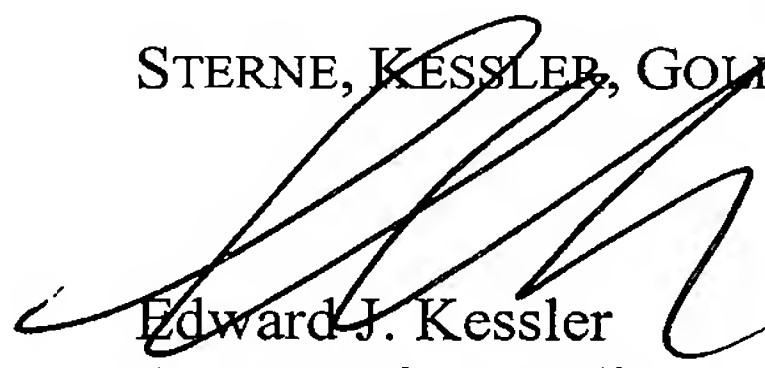
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Supplemental Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

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